(x) Accredition centres should be setup/augmented for certification of instruments conforming to international norms like ISO, CE, UL and QS etc.

(xi) Government should establish some centres of excellence in electronics and encourage the industry to use them.

(xii) Academies and science administrators should give due credit to instrumentation scientists in promotions, awards and election to Fellowships.

(xiii) The S&T institutions may help to upgrade the skills, knowledge and technical manpower in industry by organizing short-term course, seminars, etc.

(xiv) Some Indian universities may start multidisciplinary course involving S&T and business management and also take steps to produce manpower required for particular skills needed by the industry. Similarly the industry may do more for training of students at their plants, as this hands-on training will be an important step to develop entrepreneurial skills in them.

(xv) Some instrumentation linkage companies should provide rapid prototyping services for converting innovations into products.

(b) The report is with the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government.

Withdrawal of Life Support System from terminally ill patients

*48. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Law Commission's report has recommended the setting up of a three-member panel of reputed medical persons, to clear the decision to withdraw Life Support System from the terminally ill and that patients and their relatives should notify a High Court of the decision, so that the doctor is immune from legal action;

(b) whether the Commission cited several decisions of USA, Britain, Canada and Australia and maintained that withdrawal of Life Support System from terminally ill patients has always been held lawful in all the countries, while euthanasia is and continues to be unlawful; and

(c) whether Government have accepted and implemented the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government has examined the recommendation and is not in favour of accepting the same.

Working conditions of women domestic helps

*49. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to lay down rules governing the working conditions of the women domestic helps, who are generally exploited by their employers, particularly in big cities; and